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In re Patent Application of:

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For: NOVEL PROTEINS, GENE ENCODING THE

SAME AND METHOD OF UTILIZATION

THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2005, and the Advisory Action issued on October 28, 2005, the due date having been reset with the filing of the Notice of Appeal and subsequently extended for one (1) months to December 22, 2005, remarks are respectfully requested in response to the final rejection of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18-21, 24 and 29-33.

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